

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. Contract ID Code		Page 1 of Pages 13		
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8. Name and Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code)				(X)		9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. MCC-08-0111-RFP-42	
						9B. Date (See Item 11) 6/24/2008	
				X		10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.	
						10B. Date (See Item 13)	
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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☐ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended ☒ is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
(a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (if required)
N/A

**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT/ORDERS.
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

A. This change order is issued pursuant to: (Specify authority) The changes set forth in item 14 are made in the Contract Order No. in item 10A.	
B. The above numbered Contract/Order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) set forth in item 14, pursuant to the authority of FAR 43.103 (b)	
C. This supplemental agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of:	
D. Other (Specify type of modification and authority)	

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☒ is required to sign this document and return 1 copy to the issuing office.

14. Description of Amendment/Modification (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purposes of Amendment 02 to solicitation MCC-08-0111-RFP-42 are 1). To partially respond to questions received from Offerors regarding the solicitation. Additional questions will be addressed in follow-on amendments; 2). To provide revisions to the solicitation resulting from the responses to questions.

15A. Name and Title of Signer (Type or Print)		16A. Name and title of Contracting Officer (Type or Print) Kathy Spainhower Contracting Officer	
15B. Contractor/Offeror (Signature of person authorized to sign)		16B. United States of America (Signature of Contracting Officer)	
15C. Date Signed		16C. Date Signed	

A. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS 36-97

36. Question: Will MCC pay for proposal preparation costs?

Response: No, MCC will not pay for proposal preparation costs for either the IDIQ or any resulting task order.

37. Question: Section H.13. Item B of the RFP states that task order proposals shall be submitted 10 business days after receipt of the Contracting Officer's Request. Could you provide more details as to the requirements for technical writing, page limits and budget with regard to how the contractor can best expedite the process responding to the limited time?

Response: The details for the requirements for technical writing, page limits and budget will be provided in each individual task order. As labor rates should already be negotiated and on contract, the offerors will need to assess labor categories, number of hours to perform the task, and other direct costs.

38. Question: The RFP notes that the scopes of work for task orders 1 and 2 will be posted on July 2; however, to date only the Malawi task order SOW has been posted. Can the MCC please provide some additional information on the anticipated release date of the Lesotho/Mozambique Project Management Training TO?

Response: See Amendment 02, which deleted the requirement for offerors to submit proposals for Task Order #2 as it is not a current requirement. It will be competed after contract award.

39. Question: Do locally-hired subcontracting firms count towards the MCC Subcontracting Goals detailed in Section H.24 of the IDIQ?

Response: No, Per FAR Part 19.001, a "Concern" means any business entity organized for profit (even if its ownership is in the hands of a nonprofit entity) with a place of business located in the United States or its outlying areas and that makes a significant contribution to the U.S. economy through payment of taxes and/or use of American products, material and/or labor, etc. "Concern" includes but is not limited to an individual, partnership, corporation, joint venture, association, or cooperative. For the purpose of making affiliation findings (see 19.101) any business entity, whether organized for profit or not, and any foreign business entity, i.e., any entity located outside the United States and its outlying areas."

Per 13 CFR 121.105(b), the Small Business Administration continues this definition by stating, "A business concern may be in the legal form of an individual proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, joint venture, association, trust or cooperative, except that where the form is a joint venture there can be no more than 49 percent participation by foreign business entities in the joint venture.

As such, any concern to be counted towards the MCC Subcontracting Goals detailed in Section H.24 would be required to meet the definition of a Concern as defined in FAR 19.001 and the Small Business Act.

40. Question: Re: Section L specifies that Volume IV, Section 4, requires submittal of the Subcontracting Plan. Is the subcontracting plan excluded from the Volume IV page count?

Response: See Amendment 02, Response to Question #19. The subcontracting plan is excluded from the page count.

41. Question: Given the acknowledged requirement for extensive teaming arrangements in order to demonstrate the ability to provide specific services across 10 focus areas in over 30 countries in eight MCC approved languages, would the Government consider a 30 day extension to the Proposal due date?

Response: No, the solicitation was released on June 24, 2008 and the proposals are due on August 4, 2008. MCC feels this is adequate time for Offerors to prepare and submit proposals.

42. Question: The RFP states that Attachment J.4 (Task Order #2) and Attachment J.5 (Pricing Template) will be added by Amendment, yet we have been unable to locate these attachments on www.fbo.gov. Please clarify 1) if these are available and 2) how offerors should proceed with their bids without this information.

Response: Attachment J.4 was deleted from this requirement, and Attachment J.5 was issued in Amendment 02.

43. Question: Given the previous question, we ask that the MCC consider issuing an extension so that offerors will have sufficient time to prepare responsive and complete proposals.

Response: See response to Question 41.

44. Question: Is it possible to obtain a copy of the MCC University Curriculum? Can you describe its size and scope?

Response: The purpose of MCC University was to provide a forum for MCA leaders to interact with one another, share lessons and establish/build a network for peer to peer learning and collaboration. It was also an opportunity for MCC to share new developments and lessons it has learned with MCAs.

MCC University is an annual event that is hosted by MCC. It has been held 3 times so far. This year over 50 MCA leaders from compact development and compact implementation countries attended.

45. Question: Is there information available on existing training/capacity building programs and where they have been held?

Response: Some training that has been sponsored by MCC and provided in the past and/or is currently provided:

1. M&E College: Targeted training in M&E for M&E professionals in MCAs. 5 day training – 3 days on general M&E topics, practically oriented, emphasis on peer to peer learning/sharing. 2 day intensive impact evaluation training run by JPAL instructors. Held once in 2007 in Washington DC.
2. ESA College: 4 day training from ESA professionals from MCAs. Held once in 2007 in Washington DC.
3. Procurement College: 5 day training for procurement officials from MCAs. Held once in 2007 in Washington DC.
4. Procurement Basics Training: Currently being offered by MCC procurement directors to procurement agents, MCA procurement directors and their staff and IE procurement staff. 3-5 day training covering basics of all aspects of procurement under MCC guidelines.
5. Contract Management training: Offered on an ad hoc basis by MCC procurement directors to MCA staff.
6. Construction Management Training: Outsourced. Offered to MCAs as needed/resources are available.
7. MCC University (See Response to Question 44).

46. Question: Re: Section C.4 states that the contractor is expected to possess or partner with other contractors/entities that possess local in-country knowledge...”

Does this require pre-arranged in-country contacts for all potential MCC countries?

Response: No it does not. But evidence of existing relationships or partnerships that have existed in the past under previous contracts will be needed for us to assess an offeror's capability.

47. Question: Do local MCA offices have teleconference facilities available for programs like Mentor/Protégé? If so, what kind of facilities are they? How are they equipped?

Response: Use of any facilities or related services is between the Offeror and the MCA office. MCC will not provide nor will it coordinate any facilities for the Offeror on this contract. Teleconference facilities are potentially available in some MCA offices (but see Response to Question 48). Also, facilities vary by country. Best case is a phone with speaker capability and a good/clear line. Worst case, a poor line (multiple interruptions), and no speaker.

48. Question: We understand that the contractor must provide all training facilities. May the contractor use, when available, local MCA or GFC facilities for training?

Response: The Offeror may use, when available, GFC or MCA facilities. Use of any facilities is between the Offeror and the GFC or MCA office. MCC is not providing nor will it coordinate the use of any MCA or GFC facilities for the Offerors on this contract. MCC recommend the Offeror include the provision of training facilities in their proposal in case GFC or MCA facilities are not adequate. (See also response to Question 47).

49. Question: Will the Task Orders for Compact countries include training mostly directed at staff of the local MCA entity, or will it be necessary to provide training to units within a GFC, i.e. Ministries of Public Works, Economic Development, Health, etc.?

Response: MCC anticipates training for Compact Implementation countries to be for the MCA accountable entity and its implementers (e.g., ministry of roads, ministry of education); and for Compact Development countries there is no MCA entity staff. The training will be directed at GFC staff. As stated in the IDIQ, this specific information will be provided on each Task Order.

50. Question: Will conducting a needs-assessment prevent an awardee from bidding on the development and delivery of the training program or other follow-on work?

Response: MCC does not anticipate issuing a Task Order for only a needs assessment. However, there should be no conflicts of interest arising from an Offeror preparing a needs assessment for capacity building training and development under the scope of this contract. Any needs assessment that is provided under this IDIQ would be delivered with unlimited data rights. As such, the needs assessment would be provided to all potential offerors under the fair opportunities provisions of the IDIQ contracts for subsequent work resulting from the needs assessment.

51. Question: Will any of the training or technical assistance be delivered in Washington, D.C.?

Response: Compact Development does not anticipate any training delivery in Washington D.C. Compact Implementation could potentially have some training delivered in Washington D.C. however the requirement would be stated in the Task Order.

52. Question: For the most part, what does the MCC expect will be the duration in months of a typical Task Order?

Response: As each countries requirements are different, it would be difficult for MCC to provide that information.

53. Question: Will the contractor be expected to provide technical experts in such areas as road construction, port development or other such specialties to assist a country in the actual design of such projects?

Response: No, not as a service under this contract. However, if an Offeror felt the need to consult with a technical expert to improve its training curriculum, it would be an allowable cost.

54. Question: Section L.4.6 states that “Offerors shall submit an original and five (5) copies of the complete proposal, in hard copy and one (1) electronic copy (MS-compatible), to the address...”. However, Section L.4.7.1 (b) states that “Offers shall submit an original and five (5) copies of Volumes I-II, and two (2) copies of Volume IV.” Please clarify how many originals/copies of each volume are to be submitted.

Response: This has been corrected in Section B Revisions to the Solicitation of this amendment. See #4 “PROVISION L.4.6 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND DUE DATE”.

55. Question: The RFP includes FAR 224-1, Privacy Act Notification. Nothing in the SOW appears to require development or maintenance of a system of records on individuals. Please identify the system(s) contemplated by the Government.

Response: The Privacy Act Notification clause was included as each Offeror could be tasked under a Task Order, or multiple Task Orders, to provide development and maintenance of a system of training records on individuals in which they have provided training.

56. The clauses from FAR 52.229-7 and 52-229-9 apply only when the contract is to be awarded to a foreign government. They do not seem to be applicable here. Please clarify.

Response: That is correct. Per FAR 29.402 – Foreign Contracts, FAR 52.229-6, Taxes – Foreign Fixed Price Contracts; and FAR 52.229-8, Taxes – Foreign Cost Reimbursement Contracts were included as the Task Orders are for both FFP and T&M and the effort is contemplated to be performed wholly or partly in a foreign country. FAR 52.229-7, Taxes – Fixed Price Contracts with Foreign Governments; and FAR 52.229-9, Taxes – Cost Reimbursement Contracts with Foreign Governments were included as this is this effort is open to full and open competition internationally, and while MCC does not anticipate any proposals or subcontract arrangements with a Foreign Government, it could not be certain it would not receive any. As such, if these clauses are not applicable to an Offerors proposal, they would be deleted from the resulting contract.

57. Question: With respect to Clause G.4, overseas travel is not governed by the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR). Does the Government intend that the limitations and requirements of FAR 31.205-46, Travel Costs, will apply to travel under the contract?

Response: No, FAR 31.205-46, Travel costs is applicable to this IDIQ. Clause G.4 states the Federal Travel Regulations are applicable to this contract, as the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), Volume 2, DoD Civilian Personnel, Appendix A, prescribed by the Department of Defense; and the Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas), Section 925, “Maximum Travel Per Diem Allowances for Foreign Areas,” prescribed by the Department of State are supplements to the Federal Travel Regulation issued and maintained by the General Services Administration. The Offeror will utilize the appropriate regulation and/or supplement pending the specific type of travel being utilized. The FTR takes precedence for civilian agencies but per diem rates for CONUS travel are provided in the JTR and per diem rates for OCONUS travel are provided in the Standardized Regulations.

58. Question: Clause I.7 requires a list of persons who will need clearances within two (2) days after award. Home office personnel clearances can be identified at time of contract award, but without a specific scope of work for a given TO, it may not be feasible to identify all personnel who might be used.

Is clause I.7 intended to apply to the IQC contract award only, to each TO individually, or to both the IQC award and each TO?

Response: For your proposal that is due on August 4, 2008, Clause I.7 requires an IDIQ list of persons who will need clearances within two (2) days after award its IDIQ for all Offerors receiving an IDIQ, and a Task Order #1 list of personnel from the applicable Offeror who is awarded Task Order #1. It does not require a list of persons to be identified for any Task Orders that have not been awarded to an Offeror.

59. Question - What LOE is required in the Proposal?

a. Pages 3, 4 and 5 of 89 in the Solicitation provide the breakdown for the ID/IQ contract. Would the proposal be considered completed meeting the requisites if:

b. A high level information is provided for work that will be performed under 1001, 1002; 2001, 2002, 3001, 3002; 4001, 4002, with the following.

c. Detail break down for 0001 and 0002

Response: Since you are referencing Pages 3-5, which is Section B of the Solicitation, the only thing you have to do to complete this section is to fill in the blanks. There is no high level or detailed information required. You need to provide the detailed information in the technical proposal and the J.1, Table 1 for the IDIQ base and options.

60. Question: Can the proposal have only a very high level information on Options that are from Dates: November 1, 2009 October 31, 2012, and provide more details for the Base Period in the proposal?

Response: See response to Question #59.

61. Question TO#1: Have the units/entities within the GOM that will take the lead on Compact Development been identified? If so, please indicate which ones.

Response: A core team has been established within the GOM to lead Compact Development. Core team members are drawn from across government as well as non-government.

62. Question: Will a cover page and acronym list count towards the page limit in Volumes I-IV? Does the executive cover letter in Volume I or a cover letter and table of contents in Volumes II, III, and IV count towards the page limit?

Response: Per the instructions in Section L.5.1 Proposal Organization, the Original Executive Cover Letter is to be provided in Volume IV – Combined Past Performance and Business/Price as the Introduction (ref. L.5.1.4). A copy of the Executive Cover Letter is to be provided in Volume I – Technical Capability and Soundness of Approach (ref. L.5.1.1). Per the instructions at L.4.7.2, Organization/Page Limits, Volume I may include a 2-page cover letter, and a table of content, both of which are excluded from the maximum page limits specified in Table L-1. Volume IV has no page limits, however since the cover letter in Volume I is a copy of the original cover letter provided in Volume IV, the cover letter in both volumes is limited to 2 pages. An acronym list will count towards the page limitations in Volumes I-II.

63. Question: Do the descriptions of the labor categories in Attachment J.2 count towards the total page limits?

Response: No. The originals should be provided in Volume IV, Section 5(a), and copies of the originals should be provided in Volume I, Section 3. The information provided should be similar to the sample information provided in Attachment J.6 as to minimum requirements for education and experience.

64. Question: What is the estimated time period for TO 1?

Response: Per Task Order Section B, issued under Amendment 01, Attachment J.3, the Base Period for Task Order 1 is the “Effective Date of Task Order – October 31, 2009”. The anticipated effective date for Task Order 1 is November 1, 2008. At MCC discretion after Task Order award, C.4.1 Task VI for post training support may be extended beyond October 31, 2009.

65. Question: In TO 1, Section F.4, 6 C.4.1. Task VI states, “Proposal for delivery of post-training support describing approach, timeframe and report summarizing results. Report due two weeks after post-training support ends.” Should the highlighted above read “report” instead of “proposal?” And if not, can the above deliverable be clarified?

Response: There are two deliverables – first a detailed plan (proposal) and then a report. The detailed plan should be delivered for approval to MCC to outline the planned methodology for post-training support. Then once the training support has been delivered, a report is due two weeks after the post-training support ends.

66. Question: Task Order 1, F.3 references working "at the contractor's facility and in country". Is there an estimated amount of presentations at the MCC office in Washington, D.C.? This information will be useful to more accurately cost our travel to and from Malawi to send appropriate staff from Malawi for these presentations.

Response: Most of the work will take place in country; however, the Offeror should expect two visits to MCC offices in Washington DC – a Pre-mobilization meeting and a wrap up meeting after delivery of the final report. It may be necessary to make another trip to participate, as requested, in evaluations of the program led by an outside evaluator selected by MCC during Task VII.

67. Question: Would MCC consider providing an estimated cost range and/or an estimated amount of LOE for the Malawi Task Order, to ensure comparability of offers?

Response: No, MCC will not provide Government estimates (See also response to Amendment 02, Question 23).

68. Question: Section B.2 of the IDIQ RFP states that both Time and Materials and Firm Fixed Price type Task Orders will be awarded under the IDIQ. Does MCC have an estimate of the percentage of Task Orders that will be of either contract type, to enable offerors to price fixed hourly rates at levels that appropriately account for the differences in contractor risk between these two contract types?

Response: No. It anticipates more T&M type task orders initially, however as requirement become more defined and a cost history is developed, the MCC will migrate to more FFP type task orders. Offerors are cautioned, however when pricing its labor rates to ensure it has not demonstrated an unbalancing of rates across the contract years.

69. Question: Re: Section I, Contract Clauses; 52.216-29, Time and Materials/Labor-Hour Proposal Requirements-Non Commercial Item Acquisition with Adequate Price Competition, Delete Para(s) C (2) and C (3):

The Government has included FAR 52.216-29 in the Solicitation with the deletion of paragraphs C (2) and C (3). The deletion of these paragraphs precludes the prime contractor from the submission of “blended rates” and/or separate rates for the prime contractor and potential subcontractors. Would the Government consider restoring paragraphs C (2) and C (3) to the solicitation? The inclusion of these paragraphs would allow for the mapping of subcontractor rates to existing negotiated Prime Contractor Schedule Rates, greatly simplifying the cost proposal presentation and submission.

Response: No, Paragraphs C(2) and C(3) will remain as in the solicitation.

70. Question TO#1: One of the objectives of the TO is to increase the availability of short-term training in Malawi at the staff level. Please indicate what is meant by "Short-Term", i.e. 3 days, 1 week, 2 weeks.

Response: For the purposes of Task Order #1, the training should focus on the capacity development strategies as described in Section 3.2 of the PCDSP (listed as Medium Tern capacity development strategies in the table of contents of the PCDSSP). Some course may be of short duration (i.e. 2-3 day workshops that introduce and explain the Standard Bidding Documents, the Procurement Act, regulations and desk instructions as well as information on how to upload procurement information); however the focus of the training should be on courses that provide real skills training in the application of the guidelines, and planning and execution of procurements as set out in Section 3.2 in the PCSSD. This course could have a duration of approximately 1-3 weeks.

71. Question: Under section M.3 Evaluation Process and Factors on pages 73-75, the evaluation factors to determine awards for ID/IQ contracts will not be based on either of the two Task Orders to be issued. Can MCC please clarify the evaluation process that the two Task Orders will play in the award of the ID/IQ and if they will be considered competitive and weighted in the award for the ID/IQ.

Response: As stated in M.3.1 Step 2, the Evaluation Team will evaluate the proposals for selection of the ID/IQ awards based upon the evaluation criteria in M.3.3, as well as, past performance, and price and qualifications of labor rates. Proposals will be ranked and a competitive range will be established. In Step 6: The Evaluation Team will 1). Document any changes in the IDIQ evaluations and ranking as a result of discussions/negotiations, if applicable. 2). Evaluate each Task Order based upon oral presentations, evaluation criteria, and pricing in each Task Order, and provide a ranking of Offerors per Task Order. In Step 7: The MCC will use a comparative ranking process among the basic ID/IQ, Task Order 1, and Task Order 2 to determine which Offerors will 1). receive basic ID/IQ awards, 2). receive the Task Order 1 award; and 3) receive the Task Order 2 award. Offerors must first be selected to receive a basic ID/IQ award to be eligible for Task Order awards. However Task Order 2 is now deleted and all references to Task Order 2 will be deleted.

72. Question: On page three, under option period one, the dates listed are November 1, 2009 – October 21, 2010. Should the dates be November 1, 2009 – October 31, 2010?

Response: Yes and it is corrected in Section B of this amendment, B. REVISIONS TO THE SOLICITATION RESULTING FROM VENDOR QUESTIONS, Paragraph #1.

73. Question: While this is a new contracting instrument, are there organizations currently providing these services under separate contracts with MCC, and who are these organizations?

Response: Compact Implementation has one contract for construction management training. Other than that there are no other vendors that are providing capacity development services. There are no other vendors providing capacity building services to Compact Development countries.

74. Question: On page 30, H.3 All Items to Become Property of the Government (June 2008), all sources of data, documents, software, and materials become property of the government unless they were developed at private expense. Are items that were developed by a contractor at their expense and then modified for MCC training considered the property of the Government or Contractor?

Response: In accordance with the data rights clauses, the data developed at private expense is provided to the Government with either limited rights, government purpose license rights, or restricted rights but upon delivery becomes the property of MCC. MCC owns any modifications that were developed under this IDIQ, and has unlimited rights to the modifications. As stated in Clause H.3, data, documents, and software delivered without markings shall be considered as delivered with unlimited rights.

75. Question: At the Bidder's Conference, the indication from MCC was that non-U.S., foreign-based small businesses would meet the small business criteria for inclusion in an offerer's subcontracting plan, and thereby would count toward MCC's subcontracting goals. Please clarify that this is the case, and that an offerer could receive a "passing" grade for their subcontracting plan M.7 (b) using foreign-based small businesses.

Response: See the response to Question #39.

76. Question: Are we to provide CVs for all the proposed personnel noted in Section B, Table 1?

Response: MCC is not requesting CV's. It is requesting resumes, to include a letter of intent (if applicable) and the resumes plus the letter of intent combined cannot exceed 3 pages each.

77. Question: Where is the amendment for Task Order No. 2 regarding J.4?

Response: Attachment J.4 is now reserved as Task Order No. 2 will not be issued until after contract award.

78. Question: Numbering - Page numbering for Volume I will start with I-1 at the beginning of the section not to include table of contents and copy of executive letter. Charts, graphs and tables are included in the page numbering if found in that section?

Response: Yes, charts, graphs, and tables are included in the page count. (See also Response to Amendment 02, Question 1).

79. Question: Past Performance in Volume IV - Should the Past Performances refer to IDIQ and TO #1 in Volume IV?

Response: Past performance is only an evaluation factor at the IDIQ level. Per Amendment 1, Attachment J.3, Section M, Past performance is not an evaluation factor for Task Order #1.

80. Question: Past Performance References - Should the PPRs refer to IDIQ and TO #1? Should we organize references IDIQ references separate from TO #1?

Response: See response to Question 79.

81. Question: If we work in Malawi for Task Order 1, will we be precluded from bidding on future procurement agent work for Malawi?

Response: Not unless a task that you perform on Task Order 1 falls within the preclusions listed in Clauses H.18 and H.19 regarding conflicts of interest.

82. If we work in Lesotho and Madagascar (and the potential option countries) for Task Order 2, will we be conflicted out of further work in those countries, under our Standby Procurement and Fiscal Agent ID/IQ and/or the compact procurements?

Response: Not unless a task that you perform on Task Order 2 falls within the preclusions listed in Clauses H.18 and H.19 regarding conflicts of interest.

83. Question: We did not note a request for copies of Contractor's audited financial statements. Should this be included along with cost proposal?

Response: MCC did not request this information as it is not requiring certified cost and pricing data. It deems adequate price competition will forgo the need for an audited financial statement. Offerors should be proposing in accordance with their approved audited rates, as they are still subject to audit.

84. Question: We did not note a request for copy of Contractor's NICRA Agreement. Should a copy of the NICRA Agreement be included with cost proposal as support for G&A on ODC's?

Response: See response to Question 83.

85. Question: Does MCC have a preferred format for the Past Performance pages called for in Volume IV? Section M.5 appears to suggest that Past Performance references will be checked but is not explicit about the manner in which client information and references are to be provided in the five pages allocated to that purpose. Please clarify.

Response: Section L.9.1 Volume IV, Section I, Past Performance References states the information the Offeror is to provide regarding past performance. MCC does not have a preferred format, as long as it contains the necessary information and is within the page limits specified.

86. Question: Table 1. #6. Training Lead (In Country) labor category. We realize that we are to provide a functional description for the 31 labor categories noted in the RFP and any others we choose to add. However, we wanted to verify that we only need to provide **one** description for Labor Category #6 – "Training Lead In Country" and not for each of the ensuing "a" to "z" countries. Is this correct?

Response: As long as the descriptions are the same for each (except for the country location) that is correct. However, if only one description is provided, the Offeror should explain any cost differentials used for each country' labor category in its cost proposal.

87. Question: Table 16. Training Lead (In Country) labor category. Is this labor category, which is specified for each of 26 countries, intended only for locally-hired personnel who would lead training courses in a specific country?

Response: No, it is intended to permit the Offerors to distinguish the differences in labor costs per country, whether the person hired is local or otherwise.

88. Question TO#1: Will all the training take place in Lilongwe, or should more training sites be included?

Response: The GoM will focus training in four main locations Blantyre, Zomba, Mzuzu and Mangochi. Training could also occur in within the districts.

89. Question: Volume IV - What is the maximum page limit for this volume? What is the page limit for Factor 1 (or subfactors 1-3) of Task Order #1? Sections 2, 6 & 7 pertain to TO #1 and all other sections refer to ID/IQ?

Response: 1. Volume IV - What is the maximum page limit for this volume? As stated in Table L-1 Proposal Organization, Maximum Page Limit for Volume IV is "3 pages for past performance for the prime; 2 additional pages total for sub/team partners; no page limit for price" See also response to Amendment 2, Question 19.

90. Question: Will MCC require all pricing to be consistent with DCAA rates, or can Offerors quote fixed daily rates using their GSA schedules or discounts from their GSA schedule pricing?

Response: Pricing for this requirement should be consistent with the contractor's approved accounting practices, and FAR Part 31, as should their pricing for GSA schedules.

91. Question: In Amendment 1 (A01), page 17, Section L (B), Volume IV instructions, for Section 7, “Completion of Pricing Template for Task Order #1”, what template is MCC referring to? Is this the electronic version of Attachment J.3, listed on page 7 of Amendment 1?

Response: No, the pricing template for both the IDIQ and the Task Order #1 was issued in Amendment 02 as Attachment J.5.

92. Question: On the two task orders does MCC have a rough idea (or ratio) of the resource allocation it would like to see dedicated to training preparation and delivery versus that dedicated to post-training support and follow-up?

Response: MCC will not provide this information. It is incumbent for each Offeror to make these determinations based upon its own proposed approach to the task order.

93. Question: One of your objectives is to partner with local firms. Please describe how these local firms will be defined and included in your small business goals and how we are to define and include them in small business planning.

Response: See responses to Questions 39 and 75.

94. Question: Volume IV is limited to five pages for past performance; 3 pages for the prime and two for subs and team partners. If our team is comprised of more than two or three subs, is it permissible to include fewer past performances for the prime and more for the subs?

Response: No, this is not what the solicitation requires.

95. Question: What is the anticipated utilization of this IDIQ by year?

Response: MCC anticipates effort in not more than in six (6) countries per year but it depends on country demand and the number of tasks, and courses required in each.

96. Question: Can you provide a bid conference attendee list?

Response: No, an interested vendors list was provided on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website and any vendors expressing interest after that date have been directed to the “do-it-yourself” feature of the FBO site, in which vendors can express interest in this solicitation.

97. Question: L.6.1.d says “offerors should identify key personnel, to include resumes, for the performance and management of the IDIQ effort.” We believe that performance occurs only after task orders are issued. Please clarify.

Response: MCC believes this requirement is self-explanatory and requires no further explanation.

B. REVISIONS TO THE SOLICITATION RESULTING FROM VENDOR QUESTIONS:

1. SECTION B.5, THE SCHEDULE.

CHANGE FROM:

“OPTION PERIOD ONE (NOVEMBER 1, 2009 – OCTOBER 21, 2010)”

CHANGE TO:

“OPTION PERIOD ONE (NOVEMBER 1, 2009 – OCTOBER 31, 2010)”

2. SECTION B.5, THE SCHEDULE.

CHANGE FROM:

“OPTION PERIOD FOUR (NOVEMBER 1, 2011 – OCTOBER 31, 2012)”

<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rates</u>
4001 Labor for Capacity Building Needs Assessment, Training and Development, and Related Short-Term Support Services	Per Task Order	See Table 1, Column G
Direct Labor Total	Ceiling	\$3,500,000.00
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CHANGE TO:

“OPTION PERIOD FOUR (NOVEMBER 1, 2011 – OCTOBER 31, 2012)”

<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rates</u>
4001 Labor for Capacity Building Needs Assessment, Training and Development, and Related Short-Term Support Services	Per Task Order	See Table 1, Column G
Direct Labor Total	Labor Ceiling	\$3,000,000.00”

3. PROVISION L.4.5 PERIOD OF VALIDITY

CHANGE FROM:

“L.4.5 PERIOD OF VALIDITY

The proposal shall be valid for 180 days from the closing date for receipt of proposals. The Offeror shall make a clear statement that the proposal is valid for the specified amount of time in the proposal.”

CHANGE TO:

“L.4.5 PERIOD OF VALIDITY

“The period of validity for your proposal is in Block 12 on the Standard Form (SF) 33. It states “In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within 180 calendar days from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at

the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated points(s), within the time specified in the schedule.” By signing in Block 17 of the SF 33, the offeror is demonstrating its period of validity as 180 calendar days.”

4. PROVISION L.4.6 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND DUE DATE

CHANGE FROM:

“Offerors shall submit an original and five (5) copies of the complete proposal, in hard copy and one (1) electronic copy (MS-compatible), to the address listed in Paragraph L.4.2 “Point of Contact” above not later than 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on August 4, 2008.”

CHANGE TO:

“Offerors shall submit an original and five (5) copies of Volumes I-II, and original and one (1) copy of Volume IV in hard copy and one (1) electronic copy (MS-compatible) of the complete proposal, to the address listed in Paragraph L.4.2 “Point of Contact” above not later than 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on August 4, 2008.”

(End of Amendment 03)